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TO : DIRECTOR
 FROM : LINCOLN
 ACTION: WH (PBS)(1-3)
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REF: A. DIR 04870 (OUT 53940)

B. LINC 3908 (IN 18452)

1. REF MSG EXPRESSES LINCOLN'S VIEWS RE READINESS DATE AND PROPOSED TENTATIVE PLANNING FOR H-HOUR 2020 JUNE 18.
2. WITHOUT ENGAGING IN FULL REVIEW OF ALL FACTORS INVOLVED WHICH ARE ALSO KNOWN TO HQS FROM CABLE TFC, LINCOLN BELIEVES SITUATION IS RAPIDLY APPROACHING POINT OF DIMINISHING RETURNS.
3. THE CRUX OF WHOLE ISSUE IS BELIEVED TO BE CONTINUED ^{contained?} IN CURRENT INTER-ARMY STRUGGLE NOW IN PROGRESS. THE OUTCOME OF ESPALIER AND OR OTHER ANTI-COMMUNIST OFFICERS SHOULD BE KNOWN CLEARLY IN NEXT 48 HOURS. IF THESE OFFICERS ARE ELIMINATED AND STRONG EVIDENCE BECOMES AVAILABLE THE ARMY IS SOLIDLY BEHIND ARBENZ AND WILL FIGHT AS A UNIT THEN A SERIOUS AND QUICK DECISION MUST BE MADE RE CALLIGERIS FORCES IN EXTERIOR.

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4. IF WORD IS RECEIVED OF SUFFICIENT RELIABLENESS THAT ARMY IS SPLIT OR WOULD SPLIT IF CALLIGERIS ATTACKS THEN THE DECISION TO DO SO SOONEST SHOULD BE MADE.

5. LINCOLN WOULD APPRECIATE HQS VIEWS ON ABOVE AND REF MSG. PARTICULAR ATTENTION IS INVITED TO FORCE OF CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED ONCE AIR AND LAND ARMS MOVEMENT INITIATED WHEREIN FAILURE TO FOLLOW UP QUICKLY AND FORCEFULLY COULD WELL RESULT IN PIECE MEAL DECIMATION OF ALL ASSETS.

6. WISH REEMPHASIZE THAT 18 JUNE TENTATIVE AND MAY HAVE TO BE DELAYED FOR NUMBER REASONS. FOR PLANNING HAVE CHOSEN EARLIEST POSSIBLE. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.

END OF MESSAGE

CABLE SECRETARIAT COMMENT: COL. KING, WH, NOTIFIED OF
RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE AT
0645 16 JUN 54.

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